

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

~~1-8.~~ (Canceled)

31 Priority 196 8. (Previously Presented) A device, comprising:
a main body portion defining a proximal end and a distal end and including a pre-bent portion between the proximal and distal ends;
a deflectable portion associated with the distal end of the main body portion and deflectable relative to the main body portion; and
at least one operative element carried by the deflectable portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the main body portion comprises a catheter body.

10. (Withdrawn) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pre-bent portion comprises a pre-bent wire biased to a predetermined curvature.

1. 245 11. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pre-bent portion comprises a thermally formed tube biased to a predetermined curvature.

17+18 145 12. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the pre-bent portion further comprises a pre-bent support biased to the predetermined curvature.

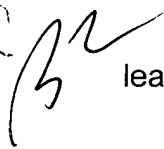
13. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion comprises a steering spring.

14. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein pre-bent portion defines a pre-bent portion plane and the deflectable portion deflects within the pre-bent portion plane.

15. (Withdrawn) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein pre-bent portion defines a pre-bent portion plane and the deflectable portion deflects out of the pre-bent portion plane.

16. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein deflectable portion deflects in at least two directions.

17. (Withdrawn) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein deflectable portion deflects in at least four directions.

 18. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises an electrode.

19. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

20. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:
a steering mechanism, operably connected to the deflectable portion, that bends the deflectable portion relative to the main body portion.

21. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the steering mechanism comprises at least one steering wire secured within the deflectable portion.

22. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the steering mechanism further comprises a handle connected to the proximal end of the main body portion and to the at least one steering wire.

23. (Previously Presented) A catheter, comprising:

a main body portion defining a proximal end and a distal end and including a pre-bent portion located proximal of, and substantially adjacent to, the distal end, the pre-bent portion defining a pre-bent portion plane;

a deflectable portion, including a steering spring defining first and second sides and configured to bend in the pre-bent portion plane, associated with the distal end of the main body portion and deflectable relative to the main body portion;

first and second steering wires connected to first and second sides of the steering spring; and

at least one electrode carried by the catheter deflectable portion.

24. (Withdrawn) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the pre-bent portion comprises a pre-bent wire biased to a predetermined curvature.

25. (Previously Presented) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the pre-bent portion comprises a thermally formed tube biased to a predetermined curvature.

26. (Previously Presented) A catheter as claimed in claim 25, wherein the pre-bent portion further comprises a pre-bent support biased to the predetermined curvature.

27. (Withdrawn) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the steering spring comprises a first portion configured to deflect in the pre-bent portion plane and a second portion configured to deflect out of the pre-bent portion plane.

28. (Previously Presented) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the at least one electrode comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

29. (Previously Presented) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, further comprising

a handle connected to the proximal end of the main body portion and to the first and second steering wires.

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